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Claim 2 (Amended): A stabilized polyamide composition in accordance with Claim 12 wherein said copper salt is selected from the group consisting of copper salts of an organic acid and copper salts of an inorganic acid.

Claim 3 (Amended): A polyamide composition in accordance with Claim 12 wherein said copper salt is a cuprous halide.

Claim 4 (Amended): A polyamide composition in accordance with Claim 12 wherein said aliphatic phosphate is selected from the group consisting of tris(tribromoneopentyl)phosphate, dibromodioxaphosphorinane derivatives and chlorine containing polyphosphonates.

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Claim 5 (Amended): A polyamide composition in accordance with Claim 12 wherein said aromatic compound is selected from the group consisting of decabromophenyl, decabromophenylether and chlorinated dimethanedibenzo(a, b)-cyclooctane, tetrabromobisphenol A, chlorinated or brominated styrene oligomers, tetrabromobisphenol A derivatives and polydibromostyrene.

Claim 6 (Amended): A polyamide composition in accordance with Claim 12 wherein said paraffin is chloroparaffin or bromoparaffin.

Claim 7 (Amended): A method for the preparation of a stabilized composition comprising mixing at least one polyamide, at least one copper salt and at least one organic halogen-containing compound selected from the group consisting of aromatic compounds, aliphatic phosphates, paraffins and mixtures thereof, with the proviso that if said organic halogen-containing compound is an aromatic compound, said polyamide is not polyamide 4.6

if said aromatic compound is a styrene oligomer or polymer or a halogen-substituted aromatic epoxy oligomer or polymer.

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Claim 8 (Amended): A method in accordance with Claim 7 wherein said at least one copper salt and said at least one organic halogen-containing compound are added in the form of a masterbatch.

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Claim 10 (Amended): A polyamide composition in accordance with Claim 12 comprising at least one compound selected from the group consisting of organic phosphates, inorganic phosphonates, inorganic hypophosphates and mixtures thereof.

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Claim 11 (Amended): A method for the preparation of a stabilized polyamide composition in accordance with Claim 7 comprising adding at least one compound selected from the group consisting of organic phosphites, inorganic phosphonates, inorganic hypophosphites and mixtures thereof.

Cancel Claims 1 and 9.

Add the following new claim:

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12. A polyamide composition comprising a polyamide and a stabilizer, said stabilizer comprising at least one copper salt and at least one organic halogen-containing compound selected from the group consisting of aromatic compounds, aliphatic phosphates, paraffins and mixtures thereof, with the proviso that if said organic halogen-containing compound is an aromatic compound, ^{Ken} said aromatic compound is not a styrene oligomer or polymer or an aromatic epoxy oligomer or polymer if said polyamide is polyamide 4.6.

13. A polyamide composition comprising a polyamide, said polyamide selected from the group consisting of polyamide 6, polyamide 66, polyamide 610, polyamide 11, polyamide 12, PACM-12, MPB-1, PPD-T and an aramide, and a stabilizer, said stabilizer comprising at